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Hello Key Members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee and my Sen. Moore and Rep. Jack Hennessy.

I am Gail Janensch, of 3030 Park Ave. Bridgeport, and Treasurer of the League of Women Voters of the Bridgeport Area which supports legislation you are considering, as do I as a CT Registered Voter. You already know I sent testimony supporting passage of Joint Resolutions 58 and 59.

Today my testimony urges you to support HOUSE BILL NO. 6578 - AN ACT CONCERNING PARTICIPATION IN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS; AND IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL NO. 1017- AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTION ADMINISTRATION. Making Vote drop-boxes permanent and restoring voting rights to persons on parole is so important for Bridgeport and other big cities in CT. I was shocked to learn that Connecticut has the most stringent criminal disenfranchisement laws in the Northeast and it is the only state in the region that still prohibits those on parole from casting a ballot.

A majority of Connecticut voters support giving all voters the option to vote using an absentee ballot without an excuse and giving Connecticut voters early voting options. In Bridgeport I promise there is BIG support for restoring voting rights to those on parole!

Importantly your support now is an important first step to increase voting options in the CT Constitution in 2022.

Thank you now and for your past legislative leadership. gail

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